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Application No. 09/496,038

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Currently, claims 1-29 are pending in this application.

Claim for Priority Under 35 U.S.C. §119 and Receipt of Priority Documents:

The present application claims priority from applications JP 11-025820 (P) filed February 3, 1999 and JP 11-301168 (P) filed October 22, 1999. To date, however, the Patent Office has never acknowledged Applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 or receipt of certified copies of the priority documents. Applicant therefore requests review of the application and acknowledgement of Applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 and receipt of certified copies of the priority documents.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claims 5-20 have been allowed. Editorial amendments to at least some of these claims have been provided in this Amendment.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103:

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Morrar (U.S. '304). Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being unpatentable over Morrar in view of admitted prior art. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

For a reference to anticipate a claim, each element must be found, either expressly or under principles of inherency, in the reference. Applicant submits that Morrar fails to

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disclose, or even suggest, each element of the claimed invention. In particular, Morrar fails to disclose a satellite broadcasting receiver receiving signal radio waves from respective broadcasting satellites, the receiver comprising first to nth amplifiers respectively amplifying first to nth signals extracted from the signal radio waves from the respective broadcasting satellites.

While Morrar includes a passing reference to a “satellite repeater” and a “broadcasting system” in col. 2, lines 56-62, the teachings of Morrar are essentially related to a mobile communication system. Fig. 6 of Morrar, for example, discloses the mobile communication system which includes a multi-stage power amplifier 12 having amplifiers A3 and A4. The outputs of amplifiers A3 and A4 are connected to a common node. However, Morrar fails to disclose a satellite broadcasting receiver which receives different signal radio waves from a plurality of respective broadcasting satellites. That is, Morrar fails to disclose different (first to nth) signals extracted from received signals from a plurality of respective broadcasting satellites. In particular, amplifiers A3 and A4 of Morrar have inputs that are commonly connected to a single connection node. (See Fig. 6.)

Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 1-4 is neither anticipated nor rendered “obvious” by Morrar alone or in view of admitted prior art. Applicant thus respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-4 be withdrawn.

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New Claims:

New claims 21-29 have been added to provide additional protection for the invention. Independent claim 21 requires, *inter alia*, "A satellite broadcasting receiver receiving a signal radio wave from a broadcasting satellite, comprising: first to nth (wherein n is an integer equal to or larger than 2) amplifiers respectively amplifying first to nth signals extracted from said signal radio wave, the first to nth signals comprising different components of said signal radio wave." Independent claim 26 requires, *inter alia*, "wherein the first to nth signals are provided to the first to nth amplifiers through respective first to nth input lines, the first to nth signal input lines not being connected to a common connection node." Applicant thus submits that new claims 21-29 are allowable.

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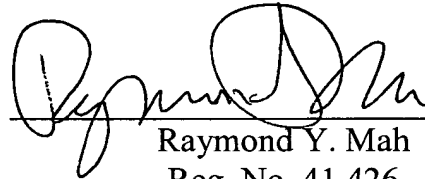
Conclusion:

Applicant believes that this entire application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a notice to this effect. If the Examiner has any questions or believes that an interview would further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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